



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 7053

January Session, 2017

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**AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET
RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING HIGHER EDUCATION.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 10a-173 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2017*):

4 (b) The state, acting through the Office of Higher Education, shall
5 establish the Governor's Scholarship program to annually make need-
6 based financial aid available for eligible educational costs for
7 Connecticut residents enrolled at Connecticut's public and
8 independent institutions of higher education as full-time or part-time
9 undergraduate students beginning with new or transfer students in the
10 fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. On and after July 1, 2016, said
11 program shall be known as the "Roberta B. Willis Scholarship
12 program". Any award made to a student in the fiscal year ending June
13 30, 2013, under the capitol scholarship grant program, established
14 under section 10a-169 of the general statutes, revision of 1958, revised
15 to January 1, 2013, the Connecticut aid to public college students grant
16 program, established under section 10a-164a of the general statutes,
17 revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2013, Connecticut aid to Charter
18 Oak, established under subsection (c) of section 10a-164a of the general
19 statutes, revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2013, or the Connecticut

20 independent college student grant program, established under section
 21 10a-36 of the general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to January 1,
 22 2013, shall be offered under the Roberta B. Willis Scholarship program
 23 and be renewable for the life of the original award, provided such
 24 student meets and continues to meet the need and academic standards
 25 established for purposes of the program under which such student
 26 received the original award. For purposes of administering the
 27 scholarship, the Office of Higher Education may solicit and accept for
 28 use any gift of money or property made by will or otherwise, and any
 29 grant of money, services or property from the federal government, the
 30 state or any political subdivision thereof or any private source, and do
 31 all things necessary to cooperate with the federal government or any of
 32 its agencies in making an application for any grant.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2017	10a-173(b)
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HED *Joint Favorable Subst.*